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REPLY TO ACTION OF JUNE 18, 2003

In reply to the Action mailed June 18, 2003, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 13, 14, 27, and 28 were rejected. Claims 1-13, 15-26, 29, and 30 were allowed. No claims are amended.

Claims 13 and 27. The Examiner rejected dependent claims 13 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The applicant respectfully disagrees, and submits that the rejection fails to recognize that device-dependence (or independence) and resolution dependence (or independence) are not necessarily the same thing.

Claim 13 is a dependent claim based on claim 4, and, in combination with that claim (and claim 1, on which claim 4 is based), recites a method for preparing a region of an electronic document for printing on a printing system having asymmetric misregistration behavior.

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